diſtabat ab Orbe noſtro annuo, quam ſemidiametro ſolari (ſive Radio Lunaris Orbitæ, uti exiſtimo) idque Novemb. 11°. 1ʰ. 6′. P. M. Quo tempore, ſi Terræ quoad Longitudinem conjunctus fuiſſet, parallaxis ſane Lunari æqualis in Cometæ motu obſervari potuiſſet. Hæc Aſtronomis dicta ſunto. Quæ vero ab hujuſmodi allapſu, vel contactu vel denique colliſione Corporum cœleſtium (quæ quidem omnino non impoſſibilis eſt) conſequi debeant, rerum Phyſicarum ſtudioſis diſcutienda relinquo.

V. *Part of two Letters from the Reverend Dr* Rich. Wroe, *Warden of* Mancheſter *Colledge, to Dr* Hans Sloane, *S. R. S. concerning Horn-like Excreſcences growing on the Fingers,* &c.

Mancheſter, Aug. 26. 1704.

Sir,

THere lives at *Bolton* (8 miles from this Town) one *Nathaniel Hulme*, aged about 17, who had the Small Pox about 8 years of age: Soon after which he had a great Itch, almoſt to the degree of a Leproſie, with which his Finger-nails and Thumb-nails began to grow thick, and by degrees hardned into Horns; which grew in 7 or 8 months to the length of an Inch, and ſome almoſt 2 Inches, and ſome much longer. It began in the Fore-finger of his Left Hand, and ſo to all the reſt of that Hand, which had as many Horns as Fingers, and Thumb. All which Horns about the end of 12 months fell off by degrees; that which grew firſt falling off firſt, without any pain, unleſs when cut off, as they were at firſt, there

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appearing great quicks (as they call them) or Roots under the Nails. By degrees they came on the Thumb, and then on the Fingers of the Right Hand; which grew to the ſame length in about a years time, and then fell off, he having ſhed them 5 or 6 ſeveral times. One of the Horns, that grew on the Ring Finger of the Left Hand, was a quarter long. They are now at preſent all come off his Left Hand, but growing again: That on his Little Finger is 2 Inches long. I have now by me one or two of them.

This account I took of him above two years ſince, in 1702; and have ſeen him frequently ſince, and lately, and the Horns ſtill grow, and fall off, as uſual.

Ric. Wroe.

Octob. 2. 1704.

Sir,

I Have, according to your requeſt, ſent you two of the Horns which grew upon the Boys Fingers, I writ to you of. He has at preſent all the Fingers of both Hands armed with ſuch like, and ſome as long as theſe I ſend. He has on every Toe alſo, but keeps them cut, that he may be able to wear Shoes. I ſaw him a few days ſince, and think he cannot live long, being miſerably overſpread with his Leproſie.

Ric. Wroe.

One of the Horns above-mentioned is now in the Repoſitory of the Royal Society.